(c) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increasing Rail Fractu.es

1841. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 42 dated 28-4-93 given in the Rajya Sabha and state;

(a) what is the average time it takes to fix a fracture after detection;

(b) whether; it is a a fact that antiquated methods of replacing fra ctures on rail tracks are followed, leading to long delays for passengers;

(c) whether there is any program me to upgrade the type of rails used by Indian Railways; and

(d) if. not in what manner the railways propose to reduce the in creasing number of rail track frac tures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The time taken to repair the fracture generally depends upon its type and location. Normally, it does not take more than two hours to replace the fractured ralils and restore the traffic. However, in many cases wher$_e$ delay is anticipated, temporary repairs are carried out and traffic restored at restricted speed.

(b) No, Sir, The latest standard established method is followed.

(c) The track structure on Indian Railways is being upgraded on the basis of Intensity of traffic and speeds. Rails of higher weight and ultimate tensile strength are being increasingly used now by the Railways.

(d) Does tnot arise.

Special Train

1842. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: •
SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI;

' Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is th$_e$ number of special trains run between Delhi and Madras, Delhi and Trivandrum in summer during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of special trains Government propose to run this year between Delhi and Madras, and Tyivandrum and Delhi; and

(c) whether Government would ruo some special trains between Madurai and Delhi during summer to clear the summer rush; if not what other steps are being taken to help the long distance passengers wh$_0$ are unable to get railway re-seravtions at New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY. (SHRI K. C. LENKAv (a) and
(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir. However, ki order *to* clear the rush towards the South a weekly Special train between Haz-rat Nizamuddin and Alleppy is being run during this Summer.

Expenditure for Passenger Amenities

1843. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the percentage of to. tal outlay, the Railways are spending for passenger amenities during last three years;